

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

Paulus Pieter DE WIT et al.

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For: DEPOLYMERIZATION OF WATER SOLUBLE POLYSACCHARIDES

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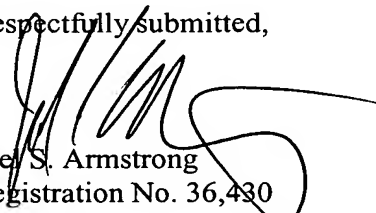
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In compliance with 37 CFR §3.73(b), the undersigned hereby states that AKZO NOBEL N.V. is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventor of the patent application identified above. A copy of the assignment is attached hereto.

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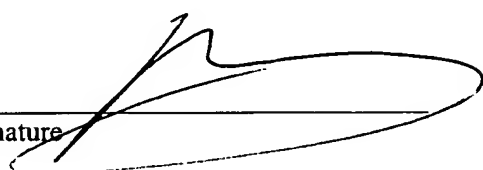
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ASSIGNMENT

(1-8) Insert Name(s) of Inventor(s)

(1) Paulus Pieter DE WIT (5) _____
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In consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned, each undersigned agrees to assign, and hereby does assign, transfer and set over to

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(hereinafter designated as the Assignee) and Assignee's heirs, successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America as defined in 35 U.S.C. §100, in the invention, and in all applications for patent including any and all provisional, non-provisional, divisional, continuation, substitute, and reissue application(s), and all Letters Patent, extensions, reissues and reexamination certificates that may be granted on the invention known as

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(11) DEPOLYMERIZATION OF WATER SOLUBLE POLYSACCHARIDES

(Attorney Docket No. 122235)

for which the undersigned has (have) executed an application for patent in the United States of America on even date herewith or

(12) Insert Date of Signing of Application

(12) on January 13, 2005

(13) Alternative Identification for filed applications

(13) U.S. application Serial Number 10/519,939
 filed January 25, 2005

1) Each undersigned agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with any application and any continuing, divisional or reissue applications for the invention, and any patent(s) issuing thereon, and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications and patents as the Assignee may deem necessary.

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4) Each undersigned agrees to perform all affirmative acts which may be necessary to obtain, maintain or confirm by reissue or reexamination a grant of a valid United States patent to the Assignee.

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Date

Inventor Signature

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JANUARY 13, 2005

Paulus Pieter DE WIT

Date

January 13, 2005

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MA van Doorn

Date

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